

Resolution 04-01

WHEREAS the Washington State Board of Health was established by the Washington State Constitution in 1889;

WHEREAS the Board provides a forum for the development of public health policy in Washington State;

WHEREAS the Board is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry;

WHEREAS Joe Finkbonner was appointed to the Board in 1998 to represent consumers of health care;

WHEREAS Mr. Finkbonner, as an active and engaged member of the Board, has made innumerable and invaluable contributions to the Board's policymaking efforts in high priority areas such as health disparities and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS Mr. Finkbonner has diligently worked with agencies, boards, commissions, foundations and other organizations and individuals to improve understanding of Indian health issues within and beyond the public health community; and

WHEREAS Mr. Finkbonner has shown himself to be a staunch and unswerving advocate for upholding public health standards across the state for the benefit of all citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes and thanks Joe Finkbonner for six years of dedicated and outstanding service to the citizens of Washington State by working to assure the public health as a member of the Washington State Board of Health.